



VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

WHEREAS, civility, derived from the Latin words “civitas” meaning city and “civis” meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

WHEREAS, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

WHEREAS, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

WHEREAS, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

WHEREAS, the City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY AS:

“CIVILITY MONTH”

AND CALLS UPON ALL CITIZENS TO EXERCISE CIVILITY TOWARD EACH OTHER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE THIS 13th DAY OF April, 2004.

MAYOR ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI





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Re: Proclamation and Pledge of Civility in the Month of May

Dear Mayor Oldakowski:

Please join with other cities and counties in the State of Florida to proclaim May as Civility Month. Like last year, we have expanded our program to include Florida's district school boards.

We hope that the pledge of civility will uplift the tone and conduct in your meetings. Civility uplifts our common life, and invites citizens to participate in their government. The art of civility requires constant application everyday.

The attorneys of the City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar ask you to renew the pledge of public conduct. A sample proclamation is enclosed for your use. We urge all citizens to exercise civility toward each other throughout the year.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Buchman
Chair

Enclosure

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